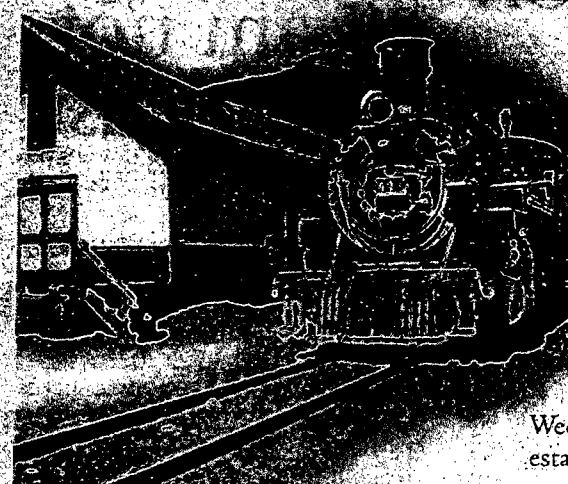


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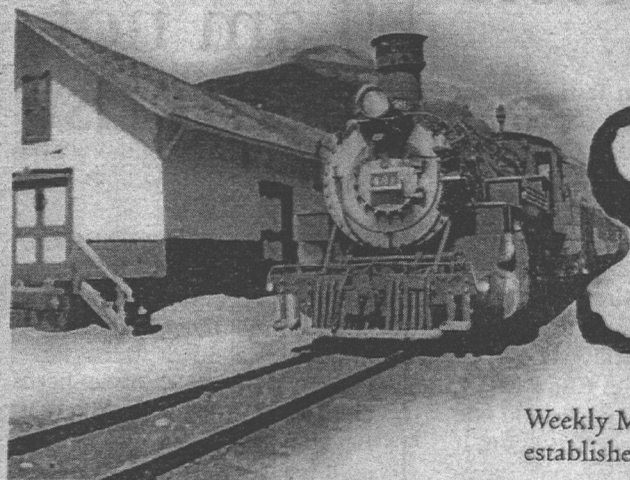
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oods or time.
The perfect convergence of all
se factors happening at once
elts in an amazing phenome-
i. Mushrooms, or fungal
res, start popping up in mead-
all over the mountains. Yes,
l capsular plant life on display
ill to openly gaze at, and even
each out and touch.
No, I'm not talking about the
lel Grateful Dead fans feed
n in profuse amounts, but the
l of fungal spores you can
ally eat and not get violent
pleasant) flashbacks of your
h. The type of mushroom
if you happen to munch on
v, doesn't result in multiple
s to the porcelain throne, or
gency trips to your local
ital ICU unit. Edible mush-
is that one can be freely
ed in the forest? That taste
y darn good if prepared in
he right way? Yes, indeed,
hopper.
nother interesting phenom-
also takes place in conjunc-
with this explosion of forest
. This one somewhat more
erious in nature, and a com-
transformation of character
e part of the individuals it
ens to — covert, or hidden
room hunting sites.
u may be asking yourself,
would anyone who likes to
for mushrooms try to keep
arious locations of these cap-
plants such a guarded
? One very simple reason,
ear Watson. Most serious
room hunters strongly want
p desirable round cap loca-
a secret because these sites
ch magical places.
ather ingredients have con-
l in just the right amounts
se precise spots, and the

their part didn't vary too much
either. They'd look at me some-
what suspiciously (after all, I've
always enjoyed hunting for fun-
gal spores too), then with a guilty
look painted all over their faces,
state quite sheepishly that they
were just out enjoying the beauty
of nature that day. Of course they
were. In addition to that, I know
of some prime beachfront proper-
ty for sale at an unbelievably
cheap price on the coast of
Greenland.

I'd inevitably return to my
forest jaunt using the lame
excuse that if I stood there for too
long my muscles would get sore,
while the parties I'd just run into
would try mightily to figure out
new and innovative ways to hide
the fact that they'd just run into
me. Three days later, both parties
would return to said site looking
for further evidence of new fun-
gal displays, and neither of us
would mention anything about
the inconvenient encounter of
the previous week.

The secret magic spot had
been discovered, and now every-
body felt about like the natives
did a few hundred years after
Columbus had planted his flag
on their shores.

Another convenient way to
hide the location of these secret
spots is to circumvent the entire
mushroom hunting process from
the very beginning. Nip things in
the bud as it were. A sizable num-
ber of locals I know quite fre-
quently go out on extremely
covert hunting expeditions.
Trying desperately to hide the
fact that they've even driven
their car once since their last
weekly church attendance. This
strategy has been known to work
extremely effectively.

*David Swanson is a resident of
Silverton.*

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Please Join Us to Tour Remediated Mine Sites in Mineral Creek & Cement Creek Drainages

The Animas River Stakeholder Group is sponsoring an all day tour of
remediated mine sites in the Mineral Creek and Cement Creek drainages,
Friday, September 16th. The tour will also include a look at areas in the
Gladstone area where water quality has deteriorated in the past several years.
Since 1994, the Animas River Stakeholders Group has worked to improve water
quality in the Animas Basin through a collaborative approach involving all
interested parties.

What: Tour of Remediated Mines Sites in Mineral Creek
& Cement Creek Drainages

When: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Friday, September 16th

Where: Upper Cement Creek

Interested? Please contact **Peter Butler at 970-259-0986 or
butlerpeter2@gmail.com** if you would like to attend so efforts
can be made to coordinate transportation. The group is looking
for volunteers with four-wheel drive vehicles with short wheelbases.
The tour will begin at the large pullout on the west side of the
highway, south of Chattanooga near Red Mountain Pass at 8:30 am.

For more info on ARSG, please visit <http://animasriverstakeholders.org/>

MOUNTAIN HAPPENINGS

Sept. 10-11

• **Colorfest Quilt Show**,
Town Hall.

Monday, Sept. 12

• **Silverton Town Council**, 5 p.m., Town Hall.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

• **Silverton school board**, 5 p.m., high school room.

Wednesday, Sept. 14

• **San Juan County Board of Commissioners**, 6:30 p.m., county Courthouse.

Saturday, Sept. 17

• **Silverton Fall Color Chamber Music Festival concert**, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church.

Sept. 22-25

• **Silverton Llama Pack Festival**, Kendall Mountain Recreation Area.

Monday, Sept. 26

• **Silverton Town Council**, 5 p.m., Town Hall.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

• **San Juan County board of Commissioners**, 6:30 p.m., county Courthouse.

Saturday, Oct. 1

• **Bordello Ball and Crawl**, to the Ball.

Ongoing

meeting in Silverton. For meeting times, questions or help, call (888) 333-9649.

• **American Legion meetings**, 7 p.m. first Thursday of the month, Legion Post.

• **Silverton Threads** quilting group meets Tuesday evenings at Kendall Mountain Community Center at 7 p.m. Membership is open to all who are interested in quilting, knitting, sewing and needlework.

Silverton Youth Center activities

Silverton Youth Center is open from 4-9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 4-10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Closed Sundays.

Mondays — Mad Scientist, 4-5 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays — Hang Out Time; Thursdays — elementary movie, 6 p.m.; Fridays — middle school, high school movie, 7 p.m.

Spiritual events

• **Church of Christ**, Sundays: Bible class, 8 a.m.; service, 9 a.m.; and Sunday evening Bible discussion, 5 p.m., (303) 257-3092.

• **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Father Nat Foshage, Mass at 5 p.m. on Saturdays

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16, from 4 to 6 p.m.

That event follows a field trip sponsored by the Animas River Stakeholders Group.

Complementary refreshments provided by Stellar Bakery & Pizzeria.

• Call, e-mail or write with your thoughts and ideas for addressing the watershed:

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Field trip to remediated mine sites Sept. 16

The Animas River Stakeholders Group is sponsoring a tour of remediated mine sites in the Mineral Creek and Cement Creek drainages on Friday, Sept. 16.

"We will also look at some of the issues around Gladstone," said coordinator Peter Bulter of

Durango.

"We plan to meet at the large pullout on the west side of the highway, south of Chattanooga near Red Mountain Pass at 8:30 a.m."

The tour will be all day.

"Please let me know if you are interested in participating so we have a head count, and we may order lunches," Butler said. He can be reached at 970-259-0986.

"We will need 4-wheel drive vehicles, preferably with short wheelbases," Butler said. "We want to fill those 4-wheel drives to minimize the number of vehicles going on the tour."

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SOMETHING NEW EVERY WEEK!



Silverton Farmer's Market Tuesdays 2:00-5:00 pm

The second & third graders will be harvesting at James Ranch this week & food will be for sale at market!

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Silverton, CO

Refreshments to be served.



Colorado Department
of Public Health
and Environment

2

Join us at Stellar Bakery & Pizzeria to share your thoughts following a tour of Upper Cement Creek:

**Friday, Sept. 16, 2011
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1260 Blair, Silverton

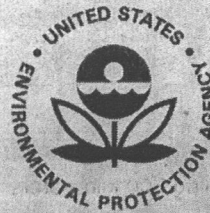
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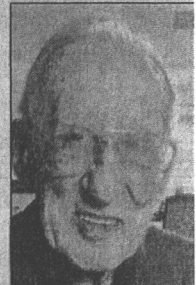
Nicholas J. Heidy, former long-time Silverton and Durango resident, died Aug. 28, 2011, in Chandler, Ariz. He was 87.

Dr. Heidy was born in Chicago, on Dec. 8, 1923. He entered the U.S. Army in February 1943 and served for three years during World War II. He was initially sent to Washington, D.C., for training, where he met his future wife, Helen Savich of Silverton, who worked at the Pentagon.

He became a member of the 3rd Combat Engineer's Battalion of the 24th Infantry Division serving in the Pacific Theater, specifically New Guinea, the Philippines, and the occupation of Japan after VJ Day. He earned a Purple Heart Medal in the retaking of Corregidor Island in the Philippines, a Presidential Unit Citation, and five bronze battle stars among other decorations.

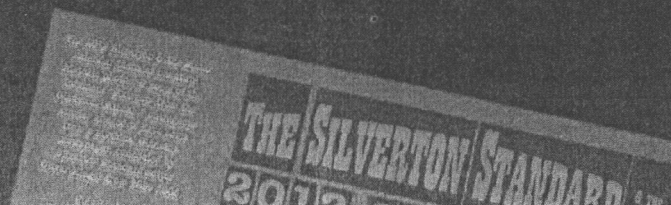
He married Helen Savich in Silverton on Feb. 9, 1946. They returned to Chicago where he resumed his work in the electronics industry. In August 1948, he moved his wife and infant daughter, Sharon, to Silverton. In 1956, they moved to Durango.

He worked in several occupations including ore reduction milling and retail hardware, and leased/managed a service station in both towns. As soon as he had moved to Durango, he began taking night courses at Fort Lewis,



The Silverton Standard's 2012 Calendar

Beautiful historic photos,
& some of the infamous
"Extracts from the
Gladstone Kibosh!"



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Fourth of July in Silverton was great

Editor;

Better late than never.

Thank you, Silverton community, for the great Fourth of July celebration. From beginning to end — the parade went smoothly, the flyover was well-timed, water fight great, so many afternoon activities and the fireworks dis-